

**MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE\* OF INMATES  
ADMITTED FISCAL YEARS 2004 - 2008**

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2004		FY 2005		FY 2006		FY 2007		FY 2008	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
DANGEROUS DRUGS	3,409	25.5%	3,313	25.0%	3,176	23.7%	3,103	22.3%	2,994	21.5%
BURGLARY	1,584	11.8%	1,482	11.2%	1,890	14.1%	1,937	13.9%	2,062	14.8%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	1,234	9.2%	1,297	9.8%	998	7.4%	1,052	7.6%	1,059	7.6%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	1,056	7.9%	1,122	8.5%	889	6.6%	875	6.3%	829	5.9%
ASSAULT	1,054	7.9%	1,113	8.4%	1,270	9.5%	1,321	9.5%	1,328	9.5%
LARCENY	936	7.0%	972	7.3%	721	5.4%	853	6.1%	856	6.1%
STOLEN VEHICLE	712	5.3%	741	5.6%	586	4.4%	640	4.6%	603	4.3%
ROBBERY	678	5.1%	628	4.7%	771	5.8%	757	5.4%	796	5.7%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	577	4.3%	584	4.4%	480	3.6%	489	3.5%	446	3.2%
FAMILY OFFENSE	469	3.5%	413	3.1%	558	4.2%	558	4.0%	535	3.8%
WEAPON OFFENSE	242	1.8%	248	1.9%	384	2.9%	411	3.0%	393	2.8%
HOMICIDE	219	1.6%	232	1.8%	231	1.7%	234	1.7%	250	1.8%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	215	1.6%	227	1.7%	269	2.0%	293	2.1%	258	1.8%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	183	1.4%	152	1.1%	404	3.0%	441	3.2%	417	3.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	130	1.0%	125	0.9%	109	0.8%	155	1.1%	147	1.1%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	118	0.9%	99	0.7%	88	0.7%	73	0.5%	268	1.9%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	80	0.6%	91	0.7%	59	0.4%	52	0.4%	55	0.4%
SEX OFFENSES	59	0.4%	54	0.4%	118	0.9%	137	1.0%	168	1.2%
ARSON	59	0.4%	52	0.4%	54	0.4%	59	0.4%	60	0.4%
PUBLIC PEACE	26	0.2%	39	0.3%	23	0.2%	14	0.1%	13	0.1%
KIDNAPPING	61	0.5%	32	0.2%	96	0.7%	120	0.9%	116	0.8%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	27	0.2%	29	0.2%	57	0.4%	48	0.3%	39	0.3%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	18	0.1%	26	0.2%	15	0.1%	19	0.1%	15	0.1%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	37	0.3%	24	0.2%	19	0.1%	14	0.1%	18	0.1%
MISCELLANEOUS	24	0.2%	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	26	0.2%	34	0.2%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	43	0.3%	21	0.2%	47	0.4%	50	0.4%	61	0.4%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	22	0.2%	18	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%
CONSERVATION	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	17	0.1%
GAMBLING	8	0.1%	12	0.1%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
DRUNKENNESS	2	0.0%	9	0.1%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	12	0.1%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	16	0.1%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	6	0.0%	3	0.0%
SMUGGLING	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	14	0.1%	20	0.1%	18	0.1%
EMBEZZLEMENT	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.0%	10	0.1%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	16	0.1%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	15	0.1%	14	0.1%
HABITUAL OFFENDER	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%
LIQUOR	5	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	6	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%
EXTORTION	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TAX REVENUE	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%

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COMPUTER CRIMES**	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	90	0.6%	28	0.2%
LICENSE VIOLATION	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%
BRIBERY	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
MULTIPLE OFFENSE**	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	8	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	4	0.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PROPERTY CRIME	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
VAGRANCY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,373</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,234</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,397</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,950</b>	<b>100%</b>

Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each fiscal year. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 MSO data.

\*\*New Crime categories added FY 1996.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.